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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

**FOR**

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**Summary of Office Action**

In an Office Action mailed on 12/2/2009, claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because claim 13 would allegedly be interpreted by one of ordinary skill as a system of software per se (software means only and not embedded in a computer readable storage medium), failing to fall within a statutory category of invention. Claims 14-18 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because claims 14-18 are directly depend on its independent claim 13. Claims 1-18 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claims 2-12, 14-18, and 26-27 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because claims 2-12, 14-18, and 26-27 are directly depend on its independent claims 1 and 13.

In an Advisory Action mailed on March 8, 2010, the Examiner finds the Applicant's arguments as to the insufficiency of these rejections unpersuasive.